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Department of Social Welfare

Directorate of Social Welfare

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The scheme for Scholarship for Differently Abled Persons

The Government of Goa is hereby pleased to frame a scheme of Scholarship for Differently Abled Persons as follows, namely:

1. *Object.*— The objectives of the scheme of Scholarship for the Differently Abled Persons is to assist them to ensure such education, academic, technical or professional training which would enable them to earn a living and to become useful members of the society.

2. *Scope.*— The scheme will be applicable to all categories of the Differently Abled Persons viz. the Visually Disabled, Speech and Hearing Impaired and the Orthopaedically Disabled, Mentally Retarded Persons.

3. *Definition of Differently Abled Persons.*— Differently Abled Persons mean persons suffering from not less than forty per cent of any disability as certified by Medical Board.

4. *Medical Board.*— Means the Medical Board constituted by the Government, vide Government Notification No. 13/140/87-PHD dated 20-7-1988 and such other Medical Boards constituted by the Government from time to time.

Eligibility Requirements.— (i) A Differently Abled Person who is a resident of Goa by birth or by a continuous domicile of 15 years in Goa may apply for Scholarship under this scheme.

(ii) Scholarship will be provided to all categories of Differently Abled Persons.

(iii) (a) *Educational Requirements.*— A Differently Abled student will be eligible for the award of Scholarship for study from Ninth Standard onwards. The candidate should have secured at least 45% marks at the previous annual examination.

(b) *Music Course.*— A Differently Abled Person should have passed Madhyama or its equivalent examination at least in second division from a college affiliated to a University or to an institution of all India character approved by the Government of Goa or Central Government.

(c) *Vocational Course.*— A Differently Abled Person should be undertaking a vocational training course in any vocational training center/ workshop/ITI or any other center run by the Central/State Government/Local body or any voluntary organization or institution recognized by Central/State Government.

(iv) *Income.*— No Scholarship will be admissible if the combined annual income of the parents/ guardians of the candidate is more than Rs. 1,20,000/- (Rupees one lakh twenty thousand only). (A Certificate to this effect will have to be submitted in Appendix - VII). The Income Certificate issued by Competent Authority shall be valid for three years for the purpose of this scheme.

(v) *Other Requirements.*— (a) *Course.*— A Differently Abled Person must be studying a full time course or correspondence course in an educational institution affiliated to a Board/University, Music Course in an institution affiliated to a University or an organization approved by the State or Central Government or as trainee in a recognized institution or commercial/industrial establishment approved by the Central/State Government in this regards.

(b) A Differently Abled Person who under any scheme of the Central/State Government has received craft training free of cost, or undergone a course of general education free of cost will be eligible for consideration for scholarship for higher technical training or higher education. The student who wants to go in for academic courses after doing craft training and vice-versa shall not however, be considered for scholarship.

(c) A Differently Abled Person who is in receipt of assistance for free boarding and lodging facilities from any Voluntary or State source will be eligible for the scholarship as applicable to the day scholar, provided he or she had paid tuition fees.

6. *Rates of Scholarship.*— The rates of Scholarship for different courses of study are as follows:

(i)	(a) Std IX to XII	Rs. 300/- p. m.
	(b) B. A./B. Com./B. Sc.	Rs. 400/- p. m.
	(c) M. A./M. Com/M.Sc. and other professional courses	Rs. 500/- p. m.

(ii) In the case of Visually Disabled candidate reader's allowance shall be paid if it is certified by the head of the institution/establishment that candidate has employed a reader during the period the allowance is claimed as follows.

(a)	Std IX to XII	Rs. 75/- p. m.
(b)	B. A./B. Com./B. Sc.	Rs. 115/- p. m.
(c)	M. A./M. Com/M. Sc. and other professional courses	Rs. 150/- p. m.

7. *Tenure of Scholarship.*— (i) The scholarship will be tenable for a particular stage of study and is renewable from year to year within the stage of education and it will depend on promotion to the next class.

(ii) In case of the Differently Abled student stays in hostel, he/she shall be paid additional allowance as follows subject to the Certificate issued by Head

of the Institution/hostel warden certifying her stay in Hostel during the period of the allowance is claim.

(a)	Std IX to XII	Rs. 200/- p. m.
(b)	B. A./B. Com/B. Sc.	Rs. 270/- p. m.
(c)	M. A./M. Com/M. Sc. and other professional courses	Rs. 360/- p. m.

8. *Mode of applying.*— Application should be made to the Director of Social Welfare in the prescribed form (Appendix I) through the head of the institution where the candidate is admitted as a student.

9. *Documents required.*— (i) Disability Certificate issued by Medical Board.

(ii) Income Certificate.

(iii) Statement of Marks obtained during the previous annual examination duly attested by Gazetted Officer.

(iv) Recommendation by the Head of institution in which the candidate is studying.

(v) Resident Certificate.

10. *Award of Scholarship.*— (a) Every selected candidate shall be informed of the course for which scholarship has been awarded through the head of the Institution/Establishment/Voluntary Organization.

(b) The decision of the Director of Social Welfare in regard to the selection or rejection of the application shall be final.

11. *Payment.*— (a) The payment of scholarship will start from the month in which admission is taken and will be payable up to the month of examination/conclusion of training.

(b) One academic year shall be taken as 11 months.

The payment of scholarship shall be remitted by means of a Demand Draft to the Head of the institution/establishment who shall disburse it to the scholar at suitable intervals as may be specified and obtain scholar's acquittance and the progress report, further scholarship will be drawn and remitted. In no circumstances should the payment to the scholar exceed a month's scholarship at a time except where it relates to the past period.

12. *Cancellation/Withholding of scholarship.*— (i) A scholarship shall be cancelled or withheld for a particular period which could be extended if a candidate fails to pass in an annual examination or if the progress continues to be unsatisfactory or if the conduct is found to be unsatisfactory which in the opinion of the Department of Social Welfare, the same will amount for cancellation of scholarship.

(ii) Furnishing incorrect information or suppressing material facts will automatically entail cancellation of scholarship besides other action being taken.

(iii) Every student shall abide by such rules as may be prescribed by the head of the establishment. Failure to do so will render him/her liable to discharge at the discretion of the head of the establishment. His/her decision in this regard shall be final. No scholarship payment shall be made from the date to discharge from the establishment.

13. *Extension of Scholarship.*— The Director of Social Welfare may at his discretion, extend scholarship for such period as it considers fit to cover and extension of the period of study/training

of the candidate caused by failure in an examination provided that the candidate's failure is due to circumstances beyond control. Such extension shall normally be made on the advice of the head of the institution/establishment where the scholar/trainee is studying/working.

14. *Other Conditions.*— (a) The Government may at its discretion, relax the educational and other qualification and any other conditions of this scheme for good and sufficient reasons.

(b) The Government reserves the right to amend the rules without notice.

(c) These shall supersede the earlier schemes framed by the Government for Grant of Scholarships to the Differently Abled Persons.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

N. D. Agrawal, Director of Social Welfare & ex officio Jt. Secretary (Social Welfare).

Panaji, 15th June, 2006.

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DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Application form for the Scholarship for Differently Abled Person

Application must reach the Directorate of Social Welfare not later than

1. Nature of Disability

2. Name in full: Shri/Smt./Kum.
(in block letters)

3. Postal address:
.....

4. a. Are you a citizen of India:

b. District and State to which you belong:

c. Whether Scheduled Caste/Tribe:

5. Date of birth:
(in Christian era)

6. Name and address of the parents/guardian and relationship of the guardian with the applicant:

Name of the parents/guardian:
.....
Profession:.....
Address:.....
Relationship of guardian:.....

APPENDIX - I

7. Total monthly income of both the parents/guardian:.....

8. Please state if you are earning an income:..... YES/NO
If yes, please indicate.....
(i) The source.....
(ii) The monthly amount.....

9. (a) Particulars of all examinations passed (commencing with the middle or equivalent examination).....

Name of examination	Year	Subjects taken	Name of Institution	Name of Board/University
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

(b) Percentage of marks obtained in the last examination passed:.....
(In the case of examination in music, indicate division obtained).....

10. Have you ever received scholarship under the scheme?..... YES/NO
If yes, indicate.....
(i) The course/stage of study.....
(ii) Period for which scholarship was paid.....
(iii) Sanction/Reference No.....

11. Please state whether you have undergone any training course at any training center for adult blind/deaf approved by the Central/State Government.....

12. (i) Course of study for which scholarship is now desired?
(ii) Date of commencement of the course.....
(iii) Approximate date of termination of the course.....
(iv) Date of joining the present standard in.....

13. For Visually Disabled.....
Have you engaged a reader?.....
If you, please indicate?.....
(i) Amount paid for month.....
(ii) Date of engagement.....

14. Documents attached.....
(i)
(ii)
(iii)
(iv)
(v)

I hereby declare

(i) That I shall not accept emoluments, scholarship, stipend, or any other financial assistance or grant in any other form whatsoever, except exemption from tuition fees, from any other source during the tenure of the scholarship if awarded to me under the above scheme.

(ii) That I am in receipt of assistance to the tune of Rs..... from..... and in the event of scholarship. I undertake to refund it from the month the scholarship is payable to me, to the source from where I have received it, and that during the tenure of scholarship, if awarded I shall not receive any other financial assistance, emoluments, scholarships, stipend or any grant in any form whatsoever, except the exemption from payment of tuition fees.

(iii) That the statements made in the application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that no material information having a bearing on selection has been concerned or withheld.

Signature of the candidate

Countersignature of
Gazetted Officer of
Central/State Govt./
/M.P./M.L.A./Magistrate/
/Head of the Institution.

Countersignature of the guardian in case the candidate is minor

Place:

Date:

PART - II

1. (a) Is the candidate enjoying free board and/or lodging facility or any other concession in kind from any other source?

(b) If so indicate the month's amount equivalent to the concession.....

2. Is the candidate residing in a hostel attached to School/College/Establishment? If so, date from which residing.....

3. (a) Details of the nearest branch of Reserve Bank of India/or State Bank of India or a subsidiary Bank affiliated to the State Bank of India where Government business is transacted.....

(b) The designation of an officer in whose favour Demand Draft may be remitted:.....

4. For Orthopaedically Disabled.....

(i) (a) Is the candidate using any prosthetic appliance (s) and aid needed?.....

(b) If so, please indicate the nature of appliance (s) used.....

(ii) (a) Is the candidate using special transport to and from the institution?.....

(b) If so, please indicate clearly the mode of transport and the approximate distance travelled daily.....

5. For Visually Disabled: Has the candidate engaged a Reader? If so, the monthly amount paid to him/her and the date from which engaged.....

Certified that

(i) The information given by the applicant in Part-I has been checked and found correct.

- (ii) This institution is affiliated to the University of.....
and/or is recognized by the Government of.....
and the course of study/training is recognized by that University/Government.

Signature of the Head of the Institution.....

Name.....
(In block letters)

Designation.....

Address.....

Place:

PIN

Date:

(Seal of the Head of the Institution)

PART - III

CERTIFICATE OF INCOME

(In Panchayat Area)

This is to certify that the annual income of Shri/Kum./Smt.
son/daughter/wife/husband of resident of
..... is Rs. (Rupeesonly)
for the year.....

This certificate is issued at the request of Shri/Kum./Smt.
for being produced in (name of the office/department)
for the purpose of

The undersigned is personally satisfied about the correctness of the certificate which has been issued after
making an enquiry through of this Village Panchayat and on the
basis of the report number dated

Place:

V. P. Secretary

Date:

Attested

Sarpanch
Village Panchayat

Countersigned

Block Development Officer

PART - III

CERTIFICATE OF INCOME

(In Municipal Area)

This is to certify that the annual income of Shri/Kum./Smt.
son/daughter/wife/husband of resident of
..... is Rs. (Rupees only)
for the year.....

This certificate is issued at the request of Shri/Kum./Smt.
for being produced in (name of the office/department)
for the purpose of

The undersigned is personally satisfied about the correctness of the certificate which has been issued after
making an enquiry through of this Municipal Council and on the
basis of the report number dated

Place:

Chief Officer

Date:

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APPENDIX - VIII

Directorate of Social Welfare

Annual Progress Report of the Disabled Scholar for the year ending 200.....

1. Name of the Scholar:
2. Nature of disability:
3. Course of study/training pursued:
4. Date of joining the course in your Institution:
5. Present standard of study:
6. Date of joining present standard:
7. Approximate date of conclusion of course in your institution:
8. (i) Date of commencement and termination of examination. State whether the examination was a public one or otherwise:
- (ii) Result of the examination and comments:
9. (i) Whether scholar has sought re-admission after annual public examination, and if so, the date of rejoining the institution:
- (ii) Whether scholar was continuously on the rolls of the institution:
- (iii) If not, indicate the reason of absence and the period of absence:

10. Any warning/caution issued to the scholar for poor progress of studies/poor conduct or for other reasons. Give details:
11. Please state if the scholar is in receipt of financial assistance from any other source. If so, the name of the course, the amount per month/any other details may be indicated:
12. Whether the scholar is continuously residing in approved hostel:.....
13. Any other remarks:

Signature of the Head of the Institution

Seal of the Institution

Date:

PIN

Place:

Notification

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Scheme to provide Assistance in Education to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes children

1. *Object.*— The object of the scheme is to improve the educational status and arrest the tendency of drop-outs of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes students by way of providing financial assistance to the families of such students who are otherwise unable to send them to schools due to poverty.

2. *Definition.*— (i) *Director:* Means the Director of Social Welfare.

(ii) *Government:* Means the Government of Goa.

(iii) *Scheduled Castes:* Means the castes notified as Scheduled Castes by the Government of India in relation to Goa State.

(iv) *Scheduled Tribes:* Means the Scheduled Tribes notified by the Government of India in relation to Goa State.

(v) *Other Backward Classes:* Means the castes Other Backward Classes notified as such by the Government of India in relation to Goa State.

(vi) *Head of Institution:* Means the Principal/Headmaster/Headmistress of the Educational Institutions where student study.

(vii) *Institution:* Means a School/Institute recognized by the Directorate of Education.

(viii) *Academic year:* Means a year of 11 months from June to April or as may be specified by the Directorate of Education from time to time.

3. *Target Groups:* School going children belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes communities whose total family income does not exceeds rupees one lakh twenty thousand per annum.

4. *Condition of Eligibility:* (i) The applicant should be a bonafide resident of the State of Goa.

(ii) The applicant should be a regular student of an institution.

(iii) The combined income of the parents/guardians of the applicant should not exceed Rs. 1,20,000/- per annum.

(iv) The applicant is not residing and receiving any maintenance grant in any institution under the Government or local bodies or private organizations receiving grants-in-aid from local or the Central Government.

(v) The applicant will not be eligible to receive stipends or scholarships from any other source.

(vi) The applicant should belong to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes as defined in para 2 above.

(vii) The student shall not be eligible twice to receive the award of stipends in the same standard.

5. *Rates and mode of payment of stipends.*— (i) The eligible students will be paid the stipend at the following rates:

(a) Ist to IV class	Rs. 175/- per month
(b) Vth to VIII class	Rs. 225/- per month
(c) IXth to Xth class	Rs. 275/- per month

(ii) The stipends of the above rates will be given for the academic year. The Head of the Institution shall disburse the amount of stipend to the concerned students against receipt.

6. *Mode of applying.*— The applications for the stipends under this scheme shall be made in the prescribed form (Appendix-I). The application should be sent to the Director of Social Welfare within the period as may be specified from time to time. Each application shall be accompanied by the following documents:-

(i) A certificate issued by Sub Divisional Magistrate to the effect that the applicant belongs to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes (at the time of 1st admission in the School).

(ii) Income Certificate issued by the concerned Secretaries of the Village Panchayat attested by the respective Sarpanch and countersigned by the Block Development Officer or issued by the Mamlatdar/ Municipality or any other competent authority prescribed for the issue of income certificate by the Government from time to time. This should be obtained only once at the time of 1st admission.

7. *Release of amount.*— (i) The applications so received shall be scrutinized by the Directorate of Social Welfare.

(ii) The Director shall be the sanctioning authority under these rules and his decision as regards to the selection or rejection of award shall be final.

(iii) Amount will be released through the respective educational institution in 2 equal installments. The 1st installment will be released along with sanction order and the 2nd installment will be released in the month of November on receiving certificate from the Principal of the Institution that the student is having 75% attendance in the school.

8. *Renewal of stipend.*— The student who is enrolled in the school will continue to be entitled to receive the assistance till he/she continues in the same school and does not fail/remain in one class more than one academic year. No application for renewal is required.

9. *Claim of assistance in renewal cases.*— The Principal of the Institution on re-opening of School shall submit a list of the students who have passed and continue in the same School by 10th of July of the academic year. No fresh application is required. On the basis of the proposal given by the Principal of the School the Director will release the 1st installment. The 2nd installment will be released on receipt of the Attendance of the students in the month of November.

10. *Cancellation of the Awards of stipend.*— (a) The stipends is liable to be cancelled if the candidate changes the school without prior permission of the Director for good and sufficient reasons.

(b) The student is liable to refund the amount of stipend if he/she discontinues the studies during the course of the year for which the stipend is awarded without valid reasons.

(c) The stipend shall stand discontinued if at any stage the information furnished by the candidate is found either incorrect or by suppressing any material facts. The amount of stipend may be recovered at the discretion of the Director.

11. *Leave of absence.*— For continuous absence of a period not exceeding three months the stipend may be paid on Medical grounds duly supported by a medical certificate from the Authorised Medical Attendant. The period of leave availed of on any other ground will not qualify for payment of stipends.

12. *Meritorious Scholarship.*— (a) The students of Vth standard onwards who secure 50% or above marks will be paid meritorious scholarship as per table below:—

Std Vth & VIth	Rs. 800/- per annum
Std VIIth & VIIIth	Rs. 900/- per annum
Std IXth	Rs. 1000/- per annum
Std Xth	Rs. 1500/- per annum

(b) The application for Meritorious Scholarship shall be submitted in Proforma shown in **Appendix-II** through the respective institutions along with copy of statement of marks, to the Director of Social Welfare.

(c) The amount will be released to the student through the Institution by a Crossed Cheque.

13. *Free text books and exercise books.*— The Government will provide free text books and maximum of 2 dozen exercise books (100/200 pages) or the actual whichever is less. Subject to the condition the student is not receiving similar assistance through any Government or Local Self Government.

14. *Stitching of uniforms (two sets).*— Financial assistance will be provide for stitching of two sets of uniforms as per rate below on production of receipt.

S. No.	Class	Amount
1	Standard 1st to VIIIth	Rs. 250/- or actual cost whichever is less
2	Standard IX & X	Rs. 300/- or actual cost whichever is less

15. *Other conditions.*— (a) The Director shall be the final authority concerning the interpretation of any clause altering the scheme.

(b) The Government may relax any of the provisions for good and sufficient reasons.

16. *Repeal.*— Consequent upon these rules coming into force the scheme of freeships/stipends/ Meritorious Scholarship for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes children presently into force shall stand repealed.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

N. D. Agrawal, Director and Joint Secretary (Social Welfare).

Panaji, 8th June, 2006.

Notification

59-10-05-06-BC

1. *Objective.*— The scheme “Kanya Dhan” will promote education among the girl children of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Communities and further to assist these weaker sections of the society.

2. *Target groups.*— All the girl children of the families notified as SC/ST under Constitutional Order and whose annual income does not exceed Rs. 1,20,000/- per annum.

3. *Eligibility.*— (1) The girl child who has passed 10th Standard of examination and appears in the 11th Standard of any stream (Science/Arts/Commerce/Vocational/ITI) is eligible under the scheme.

(2) Maximum 2 girls children of each family are entitled under the scheme.

4. *Financial Assistance.*— An amount of Rs. 25,000/- will be provided by way of fixed deposit in the name of the girl child and the officer nominated by the Government. This amount will be given to the beneficiaries only when she passes 12th Standard Board Examination or its equivalent examination. In case she fails or drops out, the money will be forfeited in favour of the Government of Goa. However, if the beneficiaries informs that she is re-answering the examination money will keep in Fixed Deposit till next academic years or till she passes the 12th Board Examination, whichever is earlier.

5. *Mode of application.*— Application for assistance shall be submitted through the Principal of the Institution in which child is studying in XIth Standard in the prescribed form, to the Director of Social Welfare.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

N. D. Agrawal, Director of Social Welfare.

Panaji, 16th June, 2006.

Application for assistance under “Kanya Dhan”

(Application to be forwarded through the School only)

To,
The Director of Social Welfare,
18th June Road, Panaji.

Sir,

Sub: Financial Assistance under “Kanya Dhan”

I am belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes family notified for the State of Goa. My details are as below:—

1. Name:
2. Father's name:
3. Date of Birth:
4. Details of Caste/Tribe:
5. Residence:
6. Annual Income:

7. Year of passing Xth Examination:

8. Name of the School:

9. Year of enrolling in XIth Standard:

10. Name of the School:

11. Taluka:

12. District:

Signature of the applicant

Encl: 1 - Income Certificate
2 - Caste Certificate

Certificate of the School in which she is enrolled in XIth Standard

It is certified that Kum..... is enrolled in our School in XIth Standard on I have verified from the certificate issued by the Competent Authority that she is belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Her proposal to grant financial assistance under "Kanya Dhan" is recommended.

Signature of Principal of Higher Secondary School

Notification

50-354-2004-2005-HC

The Government is pleased to frame a scheme **Bachapan** for the Welfare of Orphan Children as follows:

"Bachapan"

1. *Objective.*— The objective of "*Bachapan*" is primarily to provide assistance to the children who do not have both the parents and guardian and do not have any financial support for livelihood/education.

2. *Target Group.*— All the children below the age of 18 years born and staying in the State of Goa and do not have both the parents and do not have any financial support for livelihood/education.

3. *Identification of beneficiaries.*— Village Panchayats & Municipalities shall prepare a list of such children and their legal guardian within a period of 3 months.

The list so prepared in foregoing Para shall be displayed on the notice board for the suggestion/comments of the citizens. A copy of such list shall also be sent to the local M.L.A.

The Gram Sabha (in the case of V. P.) and Municipal Council (in case of Urban area) will approve the list of such beneficiaries in a special meeting called for this effect after the period of fifteen days of display on the notice board. The list of the beneficiaries will be reviewed and revised after every six months.

The list so approved or revised in foregoing Para shall further display on the notice board for the Panchayat/Municipalities. A copy of such list shall also be sent to the Local M.L.A. and Director of Social Welfare. The information of the beneficiaries will be provided by V. P./Municipality in the proforma as prescribed.

In case of any dispute about inclusion/deletion of any persons appeal can be filed before the Director of Social Welfare, who after due inquiry as deemed fit will decide the matter. His decision will be final.

4. *Assistance.*— (1) The beneficiary will receive an amount of Rs. 750/- per month as financial assistance through the Dayanand Social Security Scheme. The money will be deposited in the bank account jointly operated by the legal guardian and child beneficiary or C.D.P.O. of the Block and the child beneficiary (in case there is no guardian). Out of Rs. 750/-, maximum of Rs. 500/- p. m. can be withdrawn and Rs. 250/- p. m. will be deposited in the recurring deposit of the said bank, which can be withdrawn by the child only after he complete 18 years of age.

(2) The Free Books, Note Books, School Bag, rain coat and two uniforms will be provided.

5. *Identification of Guardian.*— Officer in charge of local Police Station or Child Welfare Committee or Superintendent, Bal Niketan may certify the genuineness of the legal guardian after due inquiries.

6. *Limitation.*— Financial Assistance to the beneficiary will be provided till he completes the age of 18 years.

7. *Monitoring.*— The C.D.P.O. of the Block and the officer of the Department of Social Welfare and Director of Women and Child Development, Officer incharge of local Police Station, District Revenue Officers shall visit beneficiaries from time to time and review the progress of the child.

The District authority shall submit the periodical reports/returns through which it should monitor the performance of "Bachapan" in the districts.

The monitoring of the programme at the State level will be the responsibility of the Directorate of Social Welfare.

To ensure public participation in the scheme progress will be reviewed in the Block Advisory Committee at the Block level. At the State level there shall be a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Social Welfare with the following members who will review the progress twice in a year.

1. Minister for Social Welfare	Chairperson
2. 10 MLAs nominated by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (one from each block)	Member
3. Member of the Parliament, North Goa	Member
4. Member of the Parliament, South Goa	Member
5. Member of the Parliament, Rajya Sabha	Member
6. The Finance Secretary	Member
7. Secretary of Urban Development Welfare	Member
8. Secretary of Panchayati Raj	Member
9. Secretary of Social Welfare	Member
10. Secretary of Women & Child Development	Member
11. District Magistrate North/South	Member
12. Superintendent of Police North/South	Member
13. The Director of Women & Child Development	Member
14. The Director of Education	Member
15. The Director of Social Welfare	Member Secretary.

8. *Evaluation Studies.*— The Government shall conduct periodic evaluation studies on the implementation of the "Bachapan". Evaluation studies may be conducted through reputed institutions and organizations on issues thrown up by the concurrent evaluation, meriting detailed studies. Copies of the reports of these evaluation studies conducted should be furnished to the Legislative Assembly. Remedial action shall be taken on the basis of the observations made in these evaluation studies and also in the concurrent evaluation conducted.

9. *Transparency in implementation of Bachapan.*— It is of utmost importance that Schemes are properly implemented and misutilization and other irregularities are minimized. For this, there is an urgent need to have greater transparency in the implementation of Bachapan at various levels. This would basically require that people should have access to information about implementation of these programs in all their aspects. The disclosure of information should be mandatory.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

N. D. Agrawal, Director of Social Welfare & ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 26th June, 2006.